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FEDERAL JURY CONVICTS KERRVILLE DOCTOR OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY CHARGES

United States Attorney Johnny Sutton announced today that a federal jury in San Antonio this afternoon returned guilty verdicts against Kerrville physician David Winkler on one count of receipt of child pornography and three counts of possession of child pornography.

Testimony during the trial revealed that on April 19, 2007, agents with the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement executed search warrants at Winkler's home and office where they seized two computers. Authorities subsequently seized a third computer from the defendant's office. A forensic review of all three computer hard drives led to the discovery of 44 videos and approximately 600 images of child pornography.

"This prominent Kerrville doctor betrayed his patients and his community by purchasing child pornography," stated United States Attorney Johnny Sutton. "Men like Dr. Winkler, who spend money to buy these evil images, create a demand which results in more children being sexually abused and having their lives destroyed."

Winkler, who was taken into federal custody after the jury's verdict, faces up to 20 years in federal prison for the receipt charge and up to ten years in federal prison for each possession charge. Winkler is also subject to a maximum \$250,000 fine per count. Sentencing is scheduled for 10:00am on April 24, 2009, before U.S. District Judge Xavier Rodriguez.

This case is being investigated by the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement and prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys Tom Moore and Tracy Braun.

This case is being prosecuted as part of the Department of Justice's Project Safe Childhood (PSC) initiative. PSC is a comprehensive initiative aimed at preventing the abuse and exploitation of children through the Internet or other distribution technology. PSC creates, on a national platform, locally designed partnerships of federal, state, and local law enforcement officers in each federal district to investigate and prosecute Internet-based crimes against children. In addition to integration of law enforcement at the district level, PSC also provides for effective participation of PSC partners in coordinated national child pornography initiatives as well as increased federal involvement in basic child pornography and enticement cases.

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